

## HARDING ASSURES LEGION DELEGATES HE FAVORS BONUS

Congress Also Wants One, He  
Adds, Saying He Would  
Sign Bill.

MEET IN WHITE HOUSE.

No Mention Made in Confer-  
ence as to Way of Rais-  
ing Money.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Copy-  
right, 1922).—President Harding to-  
day told Commander Hanford Mac-  
Nider and a delegation from the  
American Legion that he is with  
them heart and soul. Smiling and  
happy, Mr. MacNider and his asso-  
ciates walked from the Executive Of-  
fice confident that they had accom-  
plished something by their visit to  
the White House.

"The President authorized us to say  
there would be no delay—that he  
would sign a bonus bill," said John T.  
Taylor, Chairman of the Legislative  
Committee of the American Legion.  
"Did the President say how the  
money was to be raised?" he was  
asked.  
"No, not a word—and we did not  
ask him."

"Have you any idea where the  
money is coming from?"  
"No, but there is not going to be  
any delay. The President is in hearty  
sympathy with us. He told us so."

Commander MacNider had written  
Mr. Harding a rather forceful letter  
which the President was tempted to  
answer at once but he laid it in his  
desk and decided to think some more  
on the subject. Those who claim to  
know what Mr. MacNider wrote say it  
probably irritated Mr. Harding. Any-  
way, the reply was not delivered be-  
cause Commander MacNider himself  
appeared in person.

The interview was a pleasant one  
and was devoted almost entirely to  
an explanation by Mr. Harding to  
the American Legion of why he fa-  
vored a bonus. He has always fa-  
vored one—he made the pledge when  
a candidate in the Presidential pri-  
maries in 1920. The President told  
his callers that he believed Congress  
favored a bonus too. Everybody is  
for the bonus—the only difficulty has  
been how to raise the money.

The revenue phase of the matter  
has been carefully excluded from dis-  
cussion by the American Legion men,  
who feel that Congress should find  
its own solution.

The general impression following  
Mr. MacNider's visit is that the  
House will report out and probably  
pass a bill favoring the bonus, but  
not specifying when it is to be paid.  
This means indefinite postponement  
of the cash feature. It may be that  
the Senate, where a sales tax is much  
more popular than in the House, will  
affix a sales tax provision. It may  
be that the whole matter will get  
tied up in the Senate on the expec-  
tation that the revenue problem had  
better await payments from British  
bonds.

Unquestionably Mr. Harding is for  
a bonus, and so is Congress, but the  
President himself is not committed to  
any definite date of payment. Un-  
less the Legion demands immediate pay-  
ment the chances are the whole ques-  
tion will drag on beyond the Con-  
gressional elections. The House  
passed a bonus bill in May, 1920, but  
no funds were provided to pay it. An  
identical measure is being urged again.

### N. Y. LEGION URGES FIVE-FOLD BONUS

The attitude of the American  
Legion in the State of New York on  
the bonus is announced by William  
F. Deegan, State Commander, in the  
form of a resolution adopted at a  
meeting of the State Executive Com-  
mittee of the Legion:  
"Whereas, a constitutional techni-  
cally has delayed indefinitely and  
made the payment of the State bonus  
problematical, and  
"Whereas, the American Legion  
has watched with indignation the  
granting of bonuses to Federal civil  
employees, the payment of \$3,000,-  
000,000 in adjusted war contracts, the  
appropriation of \$500,000,000 in the  
amortization of war plants—all of  
which payments were made while  
Congress neglected to adjust the com-  
pensation of those who served in the  
armed forces of our country in the  
World War.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, by  
the American Legion, Department of  
New York, in Executive Committee  
session assembled, that we earnestly  
recommend to the members of both  
Houses of Congress from the State  
of New York that they approve the  
American Legion five fold optional  
plan of adjusted compensation; and  
"Be it further resolved, That a  
copy of this resolution be sent to  
every New York State member of  
both Houses of Congress."

## HOW DO THE VETERANS STAND ON A BONUS OR THE BOOTLEGGERS?

What is the real sentiment of the war veterans of the States of  
New York, New Jersey and Connecticut? The President is opposed to  
the forms of direct taxation proposed by Congress. Write your answer  
in the form below and mail to the Bonus Editor of The Evening World.

Shall light wines and beer be legalized by amending  
the Volstead Act and taxed to pay a bonus, ending the  
bootlegger nuisance?  
(Yes or no)

Name .....  
Home Address .....  
Rank, Organization and Length of Service Overseas, if any.....

The above data is to be preserved for the record, and is not for publica-  
tion. If you wish to express an additional opinion which may be printed  
over your name, add it here or on a separate sheet.....

## BONUS OR BOOTLEGGERS?

VETERANS' OPINIONS ON A BONUS BY AMENDMENT OF  
VOLSTEAD ACT.

	Yes.	No.	Army.	Navy.	Marines.	Over-
Received Feb. 27.....	242	10	213	35	4	207
Previously received.....	1162	30	928	245	19	968
Total.....	1404	40	1141	280	23	1175

## \$7.50 A MONTH MEN WHO WORE UNIFORM INSIST ON BONUS

Evening World Poll Keeps  
Up High Ratio Favoring  
Beer and Wine Tax.

Though the ratio of veterans of  
the World War who write approving  
a bonus to be raised by a tax on light  
wines and beer has fallen to 35 to 1,  
there is no apparent falling off in the  
earnestness of the advocates of the  
proposed measure.

Beginning the second week of the  
poll a canvass of the returned slips  
show the former service men over-  
whelmingly of the opinion that they  
ought to receive some equivalent for  
the high wages and bonuses paid to  
civilian clerks, shipyard workers and  
others who did not put on uniforms  
during the war.

Hundreds of letters set forth that  
the nominal pay of \$50 a month did  
not actually reach the soldier but was  
taken up by forced allotments and by  
insurance premiums until the soldier  
actually "got but \$7.50 a month as  
against the shipyard man's \$7.50 a  
day." The writers emphasized that  
the insurance of civilian workers is  
compulsorily carried by their employ-  
ers.

There is no end to the complaints  
regarding the enactment of the Eigh-  
teenth Amendment and the Volstead  
act while the soldiers were away from  
home and occupied in learning or  
practising the trade of war.  
"I had an aunt," writes one, "who  
was so patriotic, she gave away my  
meerscham pipe to prove it. She  
never did like that pipe. But after  
I had gone it became the most pre-  
cious thing in the house and she just  
didn't feel she ought to keep it and

sent it to an old soldier's home for  
Christians. And she was sure I'd  
agree with her. There was a lot of  
that spirit running loose when they  
put over the Volstead act."

Andrew Buck, with the 165th In-  
fantry overseas for twenty-one  
months, says:  
"I was gassed and wounded and  
didn't ask for or get any compensa-  
tion as I came out O. K. They sent  
Pussyfoot Johnson to England to  
make it dry and they made him blind  
in one eye. But how many men have  
Pussyfoot Johnson and his colleagues  
been the cause of going blind in both  
eyes? And how many have been  
killed by wood alcohol? I've been out  
of work five months. I need a bonus."

Philip Meserve Jordan of Somers,  
N. Y., overseas one year with the 5th  
Marines, says:  
"Probably the only level-headed  
suggestion so far advanced to meet  
the cost of the proposed bonus (which,  
by the way, cannot be expected to  
pass) has been introduced through  
your columns as per the bonus or  
bootlegger referendum.

"Although this is the apparent way  
out of a supposedly impossible pos-  
ition, no action will be taken on it at  
this time. It looks as though the pro-  
fessional reformer has a hard and  
mighty grasp on our cowardly politi-  
cians—as strong, if not stronger, than  
ever before."

H. R. Schaeffer of No. 206 Quincey  
Street, Brooklyn, chief Postmaster's  
Mate on the Levantine, says:  
"As to wines and beer, I am for a  
revised Volstead law, and I have never  
tasted it, but as an American I feel  
that there is a principle involved and  
just because I don't drink I am not  
going around waving a red flag stir-  
ring up a lot of dust veiling any ob-  
jections to giving back to the average  
working man a privilege that should  
be his.

"My advice to these anti-bonus  
calamity howlers is to keep their  
mouths shut. I am for the bonus, as  
it will relieve a lot of suffering that  
the ex-service man as well as his  
family, is forced to endure."  
Many correspondents write at  
length expressing their disesteem for  
persons who oppose the bonus and  
for newspapers which have taken an  
editorial stand against it. The ob-

ject of this referendum is to learn  
how the service men would regard a  
proposal to finance a bonus by modi-  
fying the Volstead act. Most of the  
letters received stick close to this  
test. A. M. Geer of Pellam Manor,  
serving abroad with the 303d Field  
Artillery, writing from the Harvard  
Club, is particularly bitter against  
newspapers hostile to the bonus. He  
thinks the editors should be reminded  
that had it not been for the "soldiers  
who are not now good enough for a  
bonus, the editors and their Wall  
Street friends might now be laying  
brick under the lash of a German  
Sergeant."

Worthington S. Farley of White  
Plains, a First Lieutenant of the 107th  
Infantry, abroad eleven months,  
writes to say that he favors a bonus  
and he favors the amendment of  
the Volstead act, but he does not  
think the two issues should be con-  
fused.

One last word is permitted to the  
critics of the Camp Gordon Head-  
quarters Sergeant who was later per-  
petrate in charging intemperance and  
worse upon all who did not agree  
with him that the bonus would be  
wasteful and, if raised by a beer tax,  
would be disgracefully sinful. Of  
him Patrick Stenson of No. 208 East  
126th Street, of the 18th Field Artil-  
lery, 3d Division, eighteen months  
overseas, says:

"What kind of a soldier was he to  
make such remarks as that the bonus  
is wanted only by the foreign-born,  
bangers-on, gamblers and loafers? Was  
it this class of men that went  
over through hell to make his home  
safe? I suppose, if he ever indulged  
in any light wine or good beer, he  
would let his hair down and declare  
war on the first ferocious oyster he  
came across. Get the light wine  
and beer bill passed, if only to get  
work for some of us boys in brew-  
eries."

Charles F. Quaid of Nesconset, L.

I., twenty-nine months on U. S. S.  
Pocahontas, says:

"I was never in favor of a  
bonus, but since I have been read-  
ing so many items that the navy  
men do not rate a bonus, I wish  
some of the people who pass  
these remarks would have been  
down in the stoke hole for twen-  
ty-nine months, as I was. Now  
I am for a bonus and let a beer  
and wine tax pay it."

ACCUSED OF STEALING CLOCK  
ONCE OWNED BY ANNA FIELD.  
Lina Carrera, daughter of the late  
Anna Field, appeared in West Side Po-  
lice Court to-day as a complainant  
against William Anderson, until recently  
an elevator operator in the Hotel Har-  
ding in West 54th Street. Anderson con-  
fessed that he entered her room on Feb.  
24th by means of a pass key and stole  
a traveling clock worth \$120. The clock  
was a present to Anna Field from Flor-  
enz Ziegfeld when he was her husband.  
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